

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 29, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 14 with the following paragraph:

Sequencing Protocol

The products of the amplification reactions were sequenced to ensure that the amplicons corresponded to the intended target sequence. Sequencing reactions were performed using a commercially available sequencing kit (Applied Biosystems) according to the manufacturer's instructions. DNA sequences were obtained by resolving the sequencing reactions with the 373A sequencer system (Applied Biosystems). DNA sequences were analyzed using the BLAST sequence comparison tool available from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>) [url ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov).